

RAKOVA JELŠA TOWN PARK





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PREVIOUS STATE

First ideas for the project began with the exhibition Visions 8, one in a series of exhibitions that question overlooked problems and degrades open spaces in Ljubljana. This exhibition took place in December 2012 and addressed a vast, degraded open space in the conclusion of historically important axis N-S (former cardo maximus of Roman Aemona). Proposal of a new connection between the city and beginnings of Landscape park Barje opened. Barje park lies behind the highway ring of Ljubljana.

Uncontrolled building, degradation of space, wild privatisation and waste presented a major problem. At that time, solution to these problems consisted of thorough cleaning of the area, introducing minimal interventions and opening this new open space to the public. This would stop the negative processes and provide an unique open public space for spare time activities in the near vicinity of the city centre. New park, rich with wildlife and plants, would bind the existing connections in the area, be it pedestrian routes, cycling paths or waterways. New intervention would have a critical role in formation of the sustainable mobility in Ljubljana and its surroundings.